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## Lakin freed to focus on family and career

Says nation lost track  
of links to Christianity

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Dr. Terry Lakin was released today from Ft. Leavenworth, where he served almost six months of prison time for refusing orders over his doubts about Barack Obama's eligibility to be president, and told WND that he is going to focus on his family first, then his church and medical career.

In comments via telephone shortly after his release, Lakin, a lieutenant colonel in the military, told WND that he also remains dedicated to the Christian ideals on which the United States was founded.

The interview was facilitated for WND by Marco Ciavolino, who is with the [Terry Lakin Action Fund](#), and was on hand to greet the released officer.

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[Lakin declined to respond](#) to military orders because he was denied answers to his questions about the legitimacy of Obama's presidency. He then was court-martialed after the judge decided she would not allow him to present his arguments or his witnesses.

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Questions during the brief interview were restricted by Lakin's advisers because of the pending status of an appeal of the military court's decision, as well as a request for clemency that remains unaddressed.

His release came after a standard reduction in time for good behavior.

Lakin's contention was that Obama may be ineligible, and therefore his orders would be illegal. He had pleaded through his chain of command for answers to his questions, but was refused.

After Lakin had served most of his sentence, Obama released an copy of a "Certificate of Live Birth" suggesting a Hawaii birth for the president. But analysts have criticized it as fraudulent and critics noted that the image revealed Barack Obama Sr. as his father, and since he never was American, argue that it simply proves Obama's ineligibility.

They say the American founders were influenced by Emmerich de Vattel's Law of Nations, in which a "natural



Dr. Terrence Lakin

born citizen" is defined as a citizen born of two citizen parents on the nation's soil.

Under that definition, Obama is disqualified from eligibility for the presidency because of his Kenyan father.

The action fund, which generated support for Lakin's family during his incarceration, also has planned a welcome back for Lakin when he returns to Baltimore.

In a statement on the action fund website, officials described how Lakin was allowed to cash out his \$40 prison account today and was taken by van to a park-and-ride in eastern Leavenworth.

"We hand Terry a netbook running Skype so he can talk to his family. The children are home waiting for his call. Pili [Lakin's wife] appears on the screen with a huge smile. 'Come here kids, your dad is on the phone!' Holly, Jack and Andrew rush over. Jack, the 3-year-old, takes over the screen making faces and laughing."



Dr. Terrence Lakin on Skype with family

After a call to his parents, Lakin was on the line with WND.

He said getting back to his family is the "most important thing right now." Then is getting established in "a good Christian church near our house."

Then comes "taking care of my medical career."

He said while he was incarcerated, he found a great deal of encouragement from the cards and "uplifting letters" that fans sent, sometimes at the rate of 30-40 per day.

"People were sending me pictures of their families, telling me about their concerns," he said. "I tried to make it the most positive experience I could. It was an experience for self-reflection on my Christian faith."

He said he also read a great deal, starting out with ["The 5000 Year Leap,"](#) which he found on a shelf the first day he worked in the library.

He also studied ["Liberty and Tyranny."](#) He also read the writings of Chuck Colson, Lee Stroble, C.S. Lewis and John Eidsmoe.

He was enlightened by his stay.

"I love medicine and want to remain in medicine," he said. "But I now see another group that needs medical services."

He said he feels he was able to help inmates at the prison, through teaching math and English classes, working with the chapel program and providing a voice of influence that other inmates perhaps might not have.

"I'm just kind of amazed where we lost track in the history lessons I had growing up of how firmly based our Founders were in the Christianity," he said. "They wanted to maintain freedom of religion, not freedom from religion."

While he was incarcerated, Lakin remained under the Uniform Code of Military Justice but was allowed to post online a series of observations he's made while serving his time. [Those private communications to the Terry Lakin Action Fund](#) suggested that his focus remains on the foundations of the nation and the rights and responsibilities of its citizens.

He commented on the physical workouts he's enjoyed, his work, his cell and other issues, according to the [action fund](#), which is the organization that has been raising money to pay the monthly bills for Lakin's family while he serves his term.

Lakin's support team said it has been able to supply donated funds for most of the family's needs during Lakin's

absence.

[Retired Cmdr. Charles Kerchner, who took his own challenge to Obama's tenure in the Oval Office all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court](#), has said Lakin's conviction and jailing signaled the end of the "rule of law" in the United States.

Kerchner's legal case, handled by attorney Mario Apuzzo, alleged that Congress failed its constitutional duty to examine the legitimacy of a successful candidate during the Electoral College vetting process on Capitol Hill. The Supreme Court ultimately decided not to hear arguments, leaving standing a lower court's dismissal.

Kerchner's comments came in an interview with Sharon Rondeau of [The Post & Email](#).

Lakin also earned the support of several prominent, high-ranking, retired officers during his battle, including Maj. Gen. Paul Vallely and Lt. Gen. Thomas McInerney.

Kerchner had noted Lakin, before publicly challenging Obama's eligibility to serve as president under the Constitution's "natural born citizen" requirement - an issue that remains undocumented - had gone through every available channel seeking resolution.

"Terry had been questioning Obama's eligibility for over two years, and not only did he go to his elected representatives; he used a formal path available to soldiers, filling out a form or writing a letter, to request a congressional inquiry," Kerchner told The Post & Email at the time.

"If a soldier is having some issue with the military chain of command or for any reason feels that he has been unjustly treated, there is the Article 138 where you can directly ask your senior chain of command about it. He also filed another form or letter to request a congressional inquiry; he requested more than once that an investigation be done about Obama's eligibility because as an officer, he had sworn an oath to the U.S. Constitution. He had great doubts that Obama was eligible, and he wanted them to investigate, and they didn't even answer him," Kerchner explained.

"The Congress did nothing. Terry, as a soldier, had a further right to one, and he didn't even get an answer. For example, if you allege that your commanding officer is mistreating you, Congress investigates those allegations. Terry asked for a congressional inquiry because no one in his chain of command was answering his questions, and they didn't answer him. He felt he was being unjustly treated and ignored by his chain of command in their not addressing or answering his questions about the eligibility of Obama to be the commander-in-chief and president," he said in the lengthy interview with Rondeau.

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